

# ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE AND TEXT CHANNEL DATA CONTROLLER

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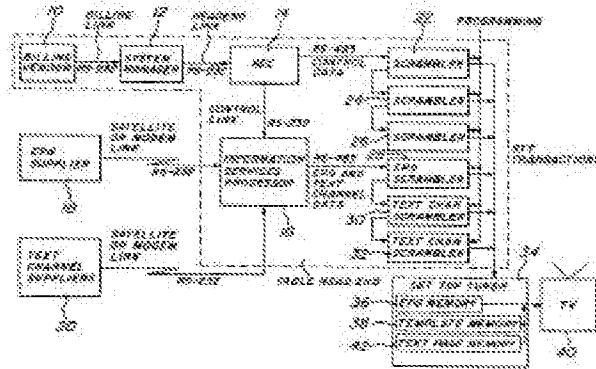
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A data controller (16) which manages the flow of text and electronic program guide (EPG) information to a cable television viewer. The data controller (16) receives text and EPG information from one or a plurality of authorized data sources (20) via a communications link, processes the received data in its internal database manager to perform data compression and the like, and then transmits this text information to the viewer under control of the head end controller (34). In a preferred embodiment, the text data is formatted on a screen basis into transactions of a predetermined length and the EPG data is formatted on a program basis into transactions of the same length. The transactions are then inserted into the vertical blanking interval of a channel to which the corresponding text or electronic program data has been assigned.



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